Tea Board has issued show-cause notices under the provisions of Tea (Distribution & Export) Control Order, 1957 to three exporters who allegedly have not observed the contractual obligations vis-a-vis quality to the overseas buyers for export of teas.

Theft Cases in Air India

*69. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of theft cases registered against the Officers/Staff members of Air India from 1988 to January, 1993;

(b) the number of persons arrested in this regard, indicating the name of officers involved with their designations;

(c) the details of the action taken against them;

(d) the number of such officers who have resorted to litigations and have since been acquitted by courts;

(e) whether the acquitted officers have since been reinstated in service; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) 82 theft cases have been registered in Air India during the period from 1988 to January, 1993. 19 employees of Air India were arrested in this connection. None of them is in the officer's category. Services of three arrested employees have been terminated. The cases against ten are sub-judice. Six arrested employees have been acquitted.

(d) to (f) Does not arise as none of the involved employees is in the officer category.

Delimitation of State Assembly Constituencies

*70. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to initiate delimitation of constituencies in various State Assemblies; and

(b) what steps are proposed for rotating long-pending reserved constituencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Constitution (Seventy-first Amendment) Bill, 1990, which has been passed by the Rajya Sabha and is pending for consideration in the Lok Sabha, provides for fresh delimitation of constituencies on the basis of 1991 census without affecting the total number of seats allocated to various States on the basis of 1971 census. Further steps for delimitation of constituencies and for rotation of seats reserved for Scheduled Castes can be taken only after the Bill is passed and becomes an Act.

Setting up a Heavy Industry in Punjab

*71. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up any heavy industry in Punjab in the near future;

(b) if so, whether the site for the purpose has been identified; and

(c) the nature of the industry and by when it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) No new grass root plant in Central Public Sector is proposed to be set up in Punjab in the current Five Year Plan. A list of Central public sector industrial projects under execution in the 8th Five Year Plan is given below:—

1. Rebuilding of VLSI fabrication facility at Semi Conductor Complex Ltd., Mohali.
2. Cement Grinding Unit at Bhatinda of CCI.

Identification of Drugs for Price Control

*72. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the reasons stated in the background note for review of 1986 Drug Policy is regarding anomalies/discrepencies in identification of drugs for price control;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to obviate such a situation in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These related to exclusions/inclusions in the list of drugs under price control.

(c) The Background Note has been placed on the table of the House on 12-8-1992.

Identification of Drugs under Category I and II of DPCO, 1987

*73. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there were complaints regarding identification of drugs covered under Category-I and II of Drugs Prices Control Order, 1907;

(b) whether Government have made any study of such complaints;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that there were no complaints about identification of drugs under DPCO, 1979;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the list of drugs covered under the Drug Price Control Order, 1979 were identified and announced alongwith the Drug Policy, 1978; and

(f) if so, what steps are being taken to identify the drugs alongwith the proposed policy in order to avoid complaints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) and (f) There were complaints regarding inclusion/exclusion of drugs under price control and their categorisation. After making study of these complaints as also taking into account other factors, a background note for discussion on the review of Drug Policy 1986 was placed on the Table of the House on 12-8-1992.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) No, Sir.

Service Conditions of All India Judicial Officers

*74. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have amended the service conditions of the All India Judicial Officers; if so, when;

(b) whether representations to this effect have been received by Government/Law Commission of India; if so, when and the number thereof;

(c) what action has been initiated on these representations;

(d) whether there is any proposal to raise the retirement age of the All India Judicial Officers; if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what other steps are being taken immediately to prove their service conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) There is at present no cadre of All India Judicial Officers. Hence, the question of amending their service conditions does not arise.

(d) and (e) The Supreme Court, in its Judgement delivered on 13-11-1991, in Writ Petition (CIVIL) No. 1022 of 1989, has directed that the retirement age of Judicial Officers throughout the country should be raised to 60 years. Direction was also given to include administration of Justice as a Plan item, and for provision of assured accommodation, conveyance facility for commutation between residence and office, library at residence etc. to the Judicial Officer. Consequently, provision of infrastructural facilities for the Judiciary has been included as a Plan item. It has also been decided to set up a National Judicial Academy.

Ceiling for Export of Wheat Products and Coarse Grains

*75. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM:
SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has imposed ceiling for the export of wheat products and coarse grains like Bajra, Jowar, Ragi, Maize and Barley;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Public Notice No. 21 dated the 19th May, 1993 issued by the Director General of Foreign Trade has created discontentment amongst exporters and farmers alike, if so, the reasons therefor;